Sri K. LAKKAPPA (Minister for Public Works):—

(*a*) Nil.

(*b*) It was estimated during 1967 by the Superinteding Engineer and it is pending sanction with the Chief Engineer.

NEW GRANT-IN-AID CODE

606. SMT. WINNIFRED F. FERNANDES (Coondapur):—

Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether the new uniform Grant-in-Aid Code, for aided Primary Schools in the State was issued without inviting suggestions or opinion from the public or the management of Schools;

(*b*) if so, whether Govrnment would be pleased to recodsider the Code, after taking into cousideration, objections, snggestions and opinion, from the public and represantatives of aided school managements?

SRI K. V. SHANKARA GOWDA (Minister for Education).—

(*a*) Suggestions from the Managements or from the public were not formally invited, but the Code has been promulgated to satisfy a longstanding demand from the teachers concerned.

(*b*) Government are already considering the suggestions made by certain representatives of aided school managements in respect of the new Code.

Leave of absence to Sri D. S. NADKARNI—grant of—

MR. SPEAKER:—I have received a letter from Sri D. S. Nadkarni Member, Legislative Assembly, requesting for leave of abscence under sub-rule (2) of Rule 188 of the Rules of procedure and conduct of business in the L. A. from attending the current sittings of the House upto 12th March 1970 due to his ill health.

Is it the pleasure of the Assembly that permission be granted te Shri D. S. Nadkarni to remain absent from attending the current sittings of the Assembly upto 12th March 1970?

HON. MEMBERS : Yes.

Mr. SPEAKER : Permission to remain absent is granted.